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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DISSIDENT SOVIET SCIENTIST TO EMBASSY

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1. ON MAY 19, IVAN PETROVICH LITKIN, AN UNEMPLOYED SOVIET SCIENTIST RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES WITH CONSOFF. LITKIN HAD PREVIOUSLY COME TO THE EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 22 (REFTEL) TO DISCUSS HIS SCIENTIFIC THEORIES AND EMIGRATION. LITKIN CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOLLOWING MEETING WITH EMBOFFS AND HAD BEEN PLACED IN PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTION FOR SIX WEEKS.

2. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, LITKIN PLEADED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM, BUT WAS TALKED OUT OF STAYING IN EMBASSY BY CONSOFF. LITKIN THEN REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN FINDING A PUBLISHER FOR HIS BOOK ON CYBERNETICS (WHICH HE CLAIMS IS 3,000 PAGES), AND HELP IN FINDING A SPONSOR IN THE WEST.

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3. CONSOFF WILL DECLINE TO MEET WITH LITKIN AGAIN TO DISCUSS HIS SCIENTIFIC THEORIES OR HIS PUBLICATION, BUT WILL GIVE LITKIN NORMAL ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION. MATLOCK

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